

# The Lyminge *Online* Newsletter

For the communities of LYMINGE, ETCHINGHILL, RHODES MINNIS and POSTLING

<http://www.lyminge.org.uk/>

**October 2009**

Produced by  
**THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION**

## **Garage Safari – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Come and look for bargains at our many garages around the area.

Why not take a trip down to Lyminge Village Hall to get your car cleaned and take part in Lyminge Youth Action's football competition plus there are extra stalls and the famous Bacon butties and refreshments.

### **Changes at the top**

Adrian Willcox has taken over from Mike Foxon as Chairman of The Lyminge Association with Marion Chubb becoming Vice Chairman.

We are still looking for a person to take the minutes for our committee. If you wish to become part of our sociable team please **phone Adrian on 862699**

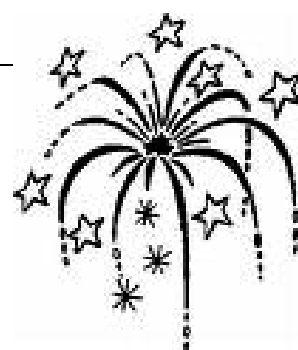
**THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR OF THE NEWSLETTER IS:**

Lyminge Village Hall



## **BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November



Bonfire at 7:00pm followed by Grand Firework Display

Soup, BBQ and Drinks from 6:30pm

Adults £4.00, Children £2.00, Family Ticket £10.00

Available at the gate

A Lyminge Village Hall Fundraising Event Reg Charity No. 281845

## LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion</b> <b>10.30am WOW service</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence 2.00pm Pram Service
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion</b> <b>No Holy Communion</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30pm Open House (Bible study) <b>No Wednesday Silence</b> <b>10.30am Family Communion</b> <b>6.30pm Evensong</b> <b>No Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10.30am Family Communion</b> <b>6.30pm Evensong</b> <b>No Holy Communion</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	7.30pm Open House (Bible study) <b>No Wednesday Silence</b> <b>8.00am Holy Communion</b> <b>10.30am Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion</b> <b>10.30am Holy Communion</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence

### Wednesday Silence

The Church is open from 9.15pm -10.00pm every Wednesday for silent prayer, meditation, contemplation or to just sit and be still. Come and spend 5 - 45 minutes (as long as you like) in total silence – no music – no words – no interruptions – just time to discover stillness, calm and inner peace.

### Wednesday Open House Bible Study – 7.30pm

This is a very friendly and informal Bible study/discussion group which is open to everyone, regardless of age and whether you know the Bible or not. Please come along and give it a try

### Alpha 18 – 30's Course – 7pm – 9pm

Explore the meaning of Life

Every Thursday at the Coach & Horses Public House

For more information contact Lynne on 863010

### Sunday Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court – 4<sup>th</sup> October

These teas are held on the first Sunday of the month in the lounge from 3 - 5pm. If you would like to come but need a lift, please contact Sue Rawlings on 862221

### Craft Afternoons – 2pm – 4pm

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Wentworth Close Lounge**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Nailbourne Court Lounge**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Roseneath Ceramics, Rhodes Minnis**

Everyone is welcome to join in on these afternoon activities, for more information please contact Lynne Lane on 863010

### Coffee morning - Wentworth Close – 12<sup>th</sup> October

Coffee mornings are held on the second Monday of each month from 10.00am to 11.30am in the lounge. Do join us as we meet with the residents of Wentworth Close for coffee and a chat.

### Mothers Union – 14th October

The next meeting will be a MU Social Policy presentation by Pam Waitt at 10.30am in the Methodist Parlour

### Bereavement Support Lunch – 15<sup>th</sup> October

These lunches are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12.30pm in the Coach and Horses. The meal comprises two courses followed by coffee, at a cost of £6.50 per head. All are welcome. Transport can be arranged, please contact Lynne Lane on 863010 if you would like to book a place.

## LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH

Visitors are very welcome to join us at our weekly Service at **11am** and invited to share fellowship afterwards with a cup of tea/coffee

### **Preachers for October:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Oct.** 10.45 for 11am – Café style worship led by Mr Tom Jones

**11<sup>th</sup> Oct** 9.30am – Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis led by Rev. Robin Blount (inc Holy Communion)

**18<sup>th</sup> Oct** Mrs V Redding

**25<sup>th</sup> Oct** Rev. Ian Hamilton

**1<sup>st</sup> Nov** Rev. Barry Armson – Valley Service (inc. Holy Communion)

### Monday Fellowship 2.30 – 3.30pm weekly

#### **“Reflections”**

**Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 -8.30pm**

Alternative, less formal worship

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals, please contact the Minister, Rev Barry Armson, on 01303 266281

## Rhodes Minnis Church

This small Chapel in beautiful countryside surroundings holds a weekly Sunday Service normally at 9.30am

Followed by coffee and biscuits

A warm welcome is extended to any visitors

### **The Preachers for October:**

**Oct. 4 - \*\_3pm\*\_** Harvest Festival when Rev. Gary Homewood from Tenterden will be the visiting preacher. Please Note: **NO morning service**

**Oct.11** - United Valley Service led by Rev. Robin Blount - includes Holy Communion

**Oct.18** - Mrs. Val Redding

**Oct.25** - Mrs. Chris Bence

**Nov. 1** - **NO service at Rhodes Minnis** but a United Valley Service at Lyminge Methodist at 11am.

## POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

**Sun 4th October** Evensong 6.30pm

**Sun 11th October** Family Communion  
9.30am

**Sun 18th October** Holy Communion 8am

**Sun 25th October** Family Service 9.30am

## L.E.T. (Lyminge Ecumenical Team)

**Prayer Box.** Please place any prayer requests concerning a bereavement or illness in the prayer box at Lyminge Post Office. It would help to have the name of the person you are praying for but not necessarily your name.

These will be included in Sunday worship in both churches and added to private prayer life.

# Forthcoming Village Events.

We would like you to give us details of your future events for this page. This will help us all plan for our own events and help spread them throughout the year. There is no charge for entries on this page. For entries into future issues please phone **Gillian on 863232**.

One Off Events In Forthcoming Months		When and Where?	Contact Details	
3 Oct	Boot Fair	06:00 Etchinghill Cricket Ground	07934008600	
4 Oct	Garage Safari	9:00 Garages around the Village	863197	Liz
4 Oct	Rhodes Minnis Harvest Festival	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Church	862865	Daphne
5 Oct	Talk on Inheritance Tax by Peer le Fleming	11:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	863394	Edna
6 Oct	Historical Society: Kent 100 years ago, pictures	7:45 Lyminge Methodist Hall	840419	Derek
7 Oct.	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Harvest Lunch	1:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne
7 Oct	Lyminge Friends make Cards	10:30 Lyminge Methodist Hall	862427	Mavis
10 Oct	Quiz Night	7:00 Lyminge Village Hall	862928	Honor
10 Oct	Boot Fayre and Clearance Sale	12:00 Lord Whisky Sanctuary	862622	Margaret
17 Oct	Demelza House Coffee Morning	10:00 Sibton Park Cricket Club	862913	Marion
17 Oct	Boot Fair	06:00 Etchinghill Cricket Ground	07934008600	
28 Oct.	Rhodes Minnis Village Hall AGM	Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616	Mick
5 Nov	Bonfire Night and Fireworks	7:00 Lyminge Village Hall	862928	Honor
7 Nov	Etchinghill Residents' Association AGM	Etchinghill Village Hall	862873	Barbara
7 Nov	Christmas Fayre	Lyminge Village Hall	862928	Honor
8 Nov	Remembrance Sunday Joint Service	Lyminge Parish Church	863182	Andre
14 Nov.	Lord Whisky Autumn Bazaar	10:00 Lyminge Village Hall	862622	Margaret
14 Nov	St Cecilia Day Concert by Cantores	7:30 TBA	01233503686	Jenny
2 Dec	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Lunch	1:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne

Weekly Events Dates 2009		When and Where?	Contact Details	
Mondays	Etchinghill Open House	10:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	863418	Rosemary

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1 <sup>st</sup> Tue.	Lyminge Historical Society	7:45 Lyminge Methodist Hall	840419	Derek
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed.	Lyminge Friends	10:00 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862427	Mavis
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed.	Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle	7:30 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862913	Marion
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat.	Farmers and Craft Market	10:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	862832	Bryan
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat. <sup>1</sup>	Beetle Drive	7:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616	Mick
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun.	Parish Walk	10:00 Lyminge P.O. Car Park	862015	Richard
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue.	Etchinghill W. I. Meeting	2:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	862141	Dottie
Last Mon.	Parish Council Meeting	See Parish Notice inside Newsletter	862184	Pam

## **Copy deadline for next month's newsletter is the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month**

Call Jean Howard on 01303 862488 or email in word doc. format to [jean.howard1@talktalk.net](mailto:jean.howard1@talktalk.net). Money must be received before articles can appear in the newsletter. A paper copy and money can be left at the Lyminge Newsagents or the Lyminge Library. Charges are as follows: Business adverts - £8.00 per month or £80.00 per year (12 issues for the price of 10). Charity adverts - £1.50 per month or £15.00 per year (12 issues for the price of 10). Please make cheques payable to The Lyminge Association

<sup>1</sup> Beetle Drive will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., except in December when it will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month.

## Dates for your Diary

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Ann Gallagher and Sue Minter will be selling creative gifts and Christmas decorations at the Etchinghill Farmers and Craft Market on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Half the proceeds will be donated to the Shih-Tzu Rescue

### Farmers' and Craft Market – 2009

At Etchinghill Village Hall

From 10am – 12.30pm

**On the first Saturday of each month  
Up to 5 December**

Contact Bryan 01303 862832 or  
Anne 01303 863174

### Autumn Quiz

10 October 2009

*In Lyminge Village Hall*

Bar

2 Course Hot Supper

Tables of 4 – 8 persons

£8.00 per person

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

To book your table call:  
Honor 862928 or Niki 862530

Organised by the Village Hall Management  
Committee Reg Charity 281845

### Monday Fellowship in October 2.30 – 3.30pm

5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Games

12<sup>th</sup> Oct – fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Donations of money and/or small items required for all age groups (eg. Toiletries, games/toys, pens/paper, socks/hats/gloves etc)

19<sup>th</sup> Oct - Speaker Rev. Barry Armson

26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Quiz

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Readings and Music

All are welcome to join us (men and women) especially if you are lonely or new to the village.

Meetings end with refreshments, with a retiring collection taken towards expenses and various charities.

Further information from  
Mary Blanch 01303 863832

### Elham Farmers' Market Manager

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to take over the day-to-day running of Elham Farmers' Market, as Anne Leva has decided the time is right for her to step down from the role. You will be supported by an experienced management committee and a small wage is paid.

If you live in Elham or neighbouring villages, have your own PC and telephone, possess excellent organisation and communication skills, and are looking for an opportunity to take an active role in the community and help the environment, speak to Anne on 01303 840144.

#### Next markets:

**Sundays 11 October and 25 October,  
10.00 to 12.00, Rose and Crown  
Courtyard, Elham.**

### Lyminge Gardeners Society

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Another gardening year ends with the AGM at the Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm

### Pilgrims Hospices IN EAST KENT

**Wed, 7<sup>th</sup> October** Hospice Fashions at our usual Coffee Morning

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> November** Our Christmas Fayre, see Father Christmas early. All the usual stalls and a bumper raffle.

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> December** The Christmas Raffle Draw to be held at our usual Coffee Morning

### Demelza Hospice Care for Children Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Coffee Morning 10 – 12 noon  
At Sibton Park Cricket Club

Raffle, tombola, Bring & buy, Cakes, Books, Christmas Cards. Calendars & Toys

Free Admission, Teas & Coffees

**In Aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund**  
Registered Charity – 2843483

Park House, Stelling Minnis, Canterbury< Kent  
Tel: 01303 862622 Fax 01303 863007  
Website: [www.lordwhisky.co.uk](http://www.lordwhisky.co.uk)  
email: lord.whisky@btinternet .com

**Boot Fayre & Clearance Sale**  
**Sunday 10th Oct – 12 noon – 3.30pm**  
At Park House. Stelling Minnis

Clearance Sale of Bric-a-Brac ~ Christmas Gifts and Cards  
Hot & Cold Refreshments ~ Car Boot & Vans only £5

**Spooky Halloween Supper**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October ~ 7 for 7.30pm**

At The Lord Whisky Tea Rooms, Rhodes Minnis  
Fancy Dress Optional ~ Lots of spooky Games  
£12 per person ~ Bring your own alcoholic drinks  
Book now to avoid disappointment: 01303 862622 or 01303  
862349

**Lyminge Autumn Bazaar**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 10am ~ 1pm**

At Lyminge Village Hall  
Christmas Cards & Gifts ~ Refreshments  
Sugar Craft Demonstrations ~ The Lyminge Handbells  
To book a table (£10) please 'phone 01303 862622

**Christmas Bazaar**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10am ~ 2.30pm**

At Bossingham Village Hall  
Followed by a short service and Blessing of the Animals at  
2pm. Service and Blessing to be conducted by the Rev.  
Margi Walker  
Craft Stalls (£10). To book please 'phone 01303 62622

**Abbeyfield in Lyminge**

**28<sup>th</sup> November**

**Christmas Fayre**

**Bring the children to meet Father Christmas and help us  
raise some money for our Christmas Party**

**The Elham Christmas Market**

**Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30 - 9.30pm,**  
**(special preview opening 6.00-6.30 pm for our  
disabled visitors/wheelchair access)**

**Elham Village Hall, The High St., Elham, CT4 6SX** In aid  
of the Pilgrims Hospices.

Terrific Raffle – will be drawn at 9pm

Over 35 small traders offering beautiful, mostly hand-crafted  
Christmas gifts

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and light refreshments

Entry only 50p - bring your friends and your cheque books.

NB: Please be understanding about parking and park in the  
Village itself or in nearby field opposite the Village Hall  
(access via Park Lane (signposted) opposite the village hall)  
as the Car Park at the Village Hall itself cannot cope with all  
our lovely visitors!

**Newington Village Hall**  
**Halloween Party for your little monsters**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

6pm til 8pm  
£3 per child, £1 per adult

Fancy Dress Comp. – Games – Nibbles –  
Trick or Treat Bag

For more info tel.; Kirsty 01303 272056  
Reg. Charity No. 302812

**Halloween American Supper & Quiz**  
**To be held at Rhodes Minnis Village  
Hall**

**On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009 at 7.30pm**

Tables of six or come and make up a table

Tickets £3.50 each – Tel. 01303 862616  
Tea and coffee provided  
There will be a raffle

**Rhodes Minnis Village Hall**

**Beetle Drive**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

Come along and join us at  
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Starts at 7pm,  
Adults £2.00 – Children 50p  
Includes refreshments  
There will be a raffle

**Lyminge Historical Society**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 7.45pm**

At  
Lyminge Methodist Church Hall  
AGM

A talk about

**THE PUB THAT NEVER WAS**

By Derek Boughton  
Non-members welcome

**Race Night at Etchinghill Village Hall**

**Etchinghill Residents' Association invite  
you to a fun night of thrills and spills on 7<sup>th</sup>  
November starting at 7.00 pm.**

**The evening will be run by a specialist Race  
Night presenter who knows how to whet  
your appetite! Funds raised will hopefully  
light our Christmas trees and help fund  
other projects to improve village life.**

**For tickets call 862873 or 863495 – cost £5  
per head to include a supper.**

## Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7 November 2009

In Lyminge Village Hall

Starting at 11:30 am  
Refreshments available  
Get some ideas for Christmas

For further details call:  
Honor 862928 or Niki 862530

Organised by the Village Hall Management  
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## LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

By Popular Demand  
The Return Of

THE RAILWAY SWING BAND  
With Guest Singers

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On

Wednesday 9 December at  
7:30pm

DOORS AND BAR OPEN AT 6:30pm

£10.00 per person

## St. Nicholas Fayre

St Nicholas Fayre will be held at Lyminge Village Hall on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. It will be opened at 11am by St Nicholas.

This Medieval themed market includes a Craft Stall, Cakes and Preserves Stall, Raffle, Bottle Stall, Hog Roast and much more.

Open until 3pm giving you plenty of time to visit the stalls and relax with mulled wine and light refreshments.

For more information please contact Derrick Hamer on 863182.

## NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Etchinghill Village Hall

8.30pm – 1am

Everyone welcome

Adult £7.50

Children 8 – 16 £5.

Children under 8 yrs FREE

Decorated tables, glasses and tableware supplied  
Disco to suit all tastes  
Dress code casual to posh frocks

Call and reserve your tickets now (limited number)

Payment in full please two weeks prior to event  
Call 863418 (evening) or 862028

## Lyminge Dramatic Society

### Babes in the Wood

Rehearsals are under way for our pantomime "Babes in the Wood". Written by Brian Edmond and to be directed by Matt Nixon, this is a new production which will run from **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

The production will incorporate all your favourite ingredients - comic scenes, songs, dance routines and audience participation (oh yes it will!).

**Tickets will go on sale on the 7th November at Laing Bennett in the village priced at £7-00 for adults and £2-00 for accompanied children. We are very grateful to Bill and Ian for taking over box office facilities from Haxtons.** Why not make a note of the performance dates in your diary for what promises to be a great show which will be enjoyed by all the family.

We would like to extend our best wishes to Roy from Haxtons in his retirement and to thank both Roy and Maureen for providing box office facilities for us over the years. Their hard work in administering ticket sales has been very much appreciated by the Society.

## Cycle Cuba

Kent Air Ambulance is looking for people who like a challenge!

To celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the life saving helicopter being operational in Kent, the charity is organizing a sponsored bike ride in Cuba. Cycle Cuba is set to take place in **November 2010**, when a group representing the Air Ambulance will set off on a 5 day cycle ride covering some 348km. The route will take in the captivating city of Havana, the Bay of Pigs, Trinidad (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Sierra del Escambray Mountains and Santa Clara.

The Kent Air Ambulance is available to every person living, working and travelling through the county each day.

We receive no Government assistance or other funding towards the annual cost of running the service, £1.7 million pa, all of which is raised through donations and fundraising by the people of Kent.

For more information visit

[www.kentairambulance.co.uk](http://www.kentairambulance.co.uk) or contact Emma [emma@lifecyclepromotions.co.uk](mailto:emma@lifecyclepromotions.co.uk) or 01303 862996 for a registration pack.

## Notices and Reports

### Lyminge Association News

#### **Doug Furminger's memorial bench**

During last month a bench on the Broadstreet footpath where Doug liked to take his dog on his favourite walk, was officially opened by his wife Pearl alongside her son and daughter and about 30 people, many from the Gardening Society, who came to toast his memory.

For Doug was a family man but also a well known and liked villager who had lived in Lyminge for more than 40 years. Doug was also community minded being involved with many organisations. He was a founder member of the Elham Valley Lions in 1975 and was Secretary for many years. Operation Sunshine is another worthwhile charity that Pearl and Doug supported and Pearl continues that work today.

Doug supported his son when he played football for the local team, and when he joined the Lyminge Scouts he helped again by taking the post of Treasurer, staying in this role for many years. His best known service to the community was that of Chairman of the Garden Society. Gardening and as we have seen on the Open Gardens days, was a pastime that Doug and Pearl enjoyed and excelled in.

So we can see that Doug lived and worked to improve the lives of individuals and the village community as a whole and it would be a poorer place without people like Doug.

**The bench was partly funded by donations from the previous Garden Safari and completed by The Lyminge Association.**

### Etchinghill W.I.

After the summer break members were welcomed to the September meeting by Barbara Syrett, President. Gill Le Cras was thanked for holding a garden Party at her home and delectable cream tea she provided and to June Manton for a coffee morning which was held in early September.

Nine members were then presented with birthday posies.

Our speaker did not arrive so Marilyn Norton kindly stepped in and gave an impromptu talk to a visit she made to Denman College and some experiences in her working life.

Tea was then served by the hostesses, being Muriel Childs, Gladys Harris and Rita Walker.

Our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm when Mr Dennis Lee will speak about the 'Life and Times of George Formby'. There will also be a Bring and Buy stall.

If you are interested in joining us, for further information please contact Barbara Syrett on 265229 or Dottie Cross on 862141

### Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

We welcomed Ian Wilcox from Waitrose to last month's meeting who gave a presentation, with slides, about cheese. He started with a brief history, then showed the various stages of making it and finally everyone was given the opportunity to taste five samples of different cheeses which was most enjoyable.. The competition for a savoury recipe was won by Daphne Andrews with Ann Laker 2nd and Marie Hambrook 3rd.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 21, 7.30pm in the Rhodes Minnis village hall. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Marion Hoare 862913

### LYMINGE BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Calling all parents, grandparents or carers with children under school age at a loose end on Tuesday mornings. We meet every week (during term time ) at the Methodist Hall in Lyminge between 10.00am - 12 noon to give the children a chance to play and interact with others the same age.

We offer a wide range of craft and play activities including trikes, bikes and slides to painting books and jigsaws.

We charge £1.50 per session (1<sup>st</sup> session free) which includes 'half time' refreshments for both adults and children.

Come and join in the fun.

For further information 'phone Karen 01303 863224

### LYMINGE FRIENDS

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 - MEETING  
CANCELLED. Instead we are going along to the Flag Raising at the Age Concern Day Centre in Everist Court. There will be 2 Gurkhas, Normandy Veterans and Refreshments. Join us there at 10.30am

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 - Christmas Wreath  
making followed by our Bring and Share Christmas Lunch. On 18<sup>th</sup> November we are going Christmas shopping with Lunch at the Bybrook Garden Centre.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009 - Social morning with games plus homemade mince pies and Secret Santa. On 31<sup>st</sup> December we will have a New Year's Eve Lunch in China China. We are also planning a trip to a Panto.

**Meetings are now 10.30 am - 12.30** in the Methodist Church Parlour. Everyone welcome to come and join in. Entrance £1.50 inc. refreshments. For more details contact Marian - 862015

## ETCHINGHILL UPDATE

### Village Hall - Open House

Well, the Petanque craze is beginning to catch on. Several games have been played on the car park on a Monday morning. Are you interested in playing seriously or even just for fun then contact Graham on 863747 We may even have to create our own Petanque 'Terrain' with a couple of 'Pistes' (thanks for the correct names) Don't forget the Talk on 'Caring for your assets' on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Learn how to minimise your inheritance tax, or plan for care home fees and or just understand wills and what power of attorney means to you. The talk starts at 11.00 but come along early for a cuppa!

Yes - the residents' New Year's Eve Party is on! Watch this space

### Village Hall - Farmers'/Craft Market

Even though the car boot sale didn't materialise the market still goes from strength to strength. Plans are afoot for 2010 with markets every month! For details contact either Bryan on 862832 or Anne on 863174.

### Village Hall - Hallmark

The management committee are pleased to announce that the hall has successfully been accredited with Hallmark Level 1 (charitable administration and management), Level 2 (health, safety, security and licences) and Level 3 (community, social awareness, forward planning and development) We believe we are the first in Shepway for level 3! These awards aim to reward and establish good practice, encourage improvement in established customs and procedures and gain recognition for obtaining good standards in the management of the hall. It also gives credibility when applying for grant aid! Contact Action with Communities in Rural Kent for more information on 813790

### Speedwatch

Have you seen the team monitoring speed through the village over the last six months? They have identified three types of driver: the **innocent** (driving at less than the maximum of 30 mph) the **guilty** (who brake noticeably when they see the team in their yellow jackets so that they do not register on the detector) and the **arrogant** (who still proceed above the legal maximum, or accelerate away from the site or feel that the team should get a life!). Of the latter over 100 registration numbers have been reported to date for exceeding the limit. For those that comply with the limit a big **thank you**.

### Neighbourhood Watch

At least one elderly resident that we know about, whose sight was not too good, handed over cash in advance for trimming a tree in the front garden – she fell for 'sob' story re lost job, sick children etc., and as he went to get tools from his vehicle, parked down the road, he never returned to either do the job or give her change.

The moral is not to buy ANYTHING from ANYONE at the door, whether it is goods or services. For further details on NhW contact Judith, your co-ordinator, on 862498

### Lost & Found

Have you lost a radio controlled car? Contact Judith on 862498

### Etchinghill Residents' Association

The committee has decided, because funds are in place, to purchase two Norwegian Spruce Christmas trees to be planted at each end of the village. This will complete our first project. Next we need to raise money for our second project which includes Christmas lights for the trees, providing a source of energy for the lights and for onward maintenance. We will have a stall at the Boot Fair at Etchinghill Cricket Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please come along and support our efforts to raise some money towards the next phase. We would like to sincerely thank the Lyminge Association for agreeing to cover the insurance for the trees under their existing policy. Because Shepway District Council will not pay for the reinstatement of the damaged ball and plinth at the entrance to Meriden Park the Residents' Association has agreed to fund the work.

If you would like to contribute to our second project for lighting for the Christmas trees, or contribute to the repairs to the ball, plinth, etc at the entrance to Meriden Park, or find out more information, then please phone 862873 or 863495

### Dates not to be missed

Farmers' Market	3 <sup>rd</sup> October, 7 <sup>th</sup> November and Christmas special 5 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00 – 12.30
Car Boot Sale	3 <sup>rd</sup> October, Etchinghill Cricket Club – support the Residents' Association
Open House	Every Monday 10.00 – 12.00 noon (weather permitting – A game of Petanque)
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October – Caring for your assets
	31 <sup>st</sup> December – Residents' New Year's Eve Party

## RHODES MINNIS TODDLER GROUP

We are a small group open to mums, dads, grandparents and carers who meet on Thursday mornings at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall from 10 am – 12 noon during term time.

Come and have a tea/coffee while having a friendly chat as your child plays. £1.50 per session (first session free)

'Phone Elaine on 01303 863096 if you need more information



## Lyminge History Questions and Answers

Here are the Etchinghill weather statistics for August 2009:

Maximum Temp 31.2 °C (6/8/09) Minimum Temp 8.8 °C (29/8/09)

Maximum Wind Speed 21.2 mph (28/8/09) Max. Rainfall in 24 hours 8.8 mm [0.4 in]

Beaufort Scale 5 (13/8/09)

Fresh Breeze Monthly Rainfall 22.5mm [0.9 in].

Q/A1 More place name origins to start this month:

- Brady Road - Wendy Perkins has been investigating the origin of Brady Road. She wrote to me saying;  
"The name Brady Road or Lane does not appear in any nineteenth century census of Lyminge. The 1901 census gives Brady Lane amongst the names enumerated in the Civil Parish of Lyminge. Only one residence is listed; it has no name but is occupied by a farmer called Frank Elliott and his family. So it seems that the name Brady Lane, which later became Brady Road, dates from about the beginning of the twentieth century. ... The only person of local importance after whom the road might have been named is Francis Brady ... who was the Chief Engineer of the South Eastern Railway when the Elham Valley Railway was built. ... Francis Brady was also the engineer involved in the initial attempts to construct a Channel tunnel in the 1870's .... I would like to think that Brady Road was, indeed, named after this eminent Victorian civil engineer, although I have no conclusive evidence- yet! A cursory search for the name Brady in the nineteenth century census documents suggests no other likely candidate; certainly no-one of that name lived in the area."  
  
I was recently browsing through Lyminge Village 'Guided Tour' published by Lyminge Historical Society (& available from the Library) and found there that Brady Road "probably follows an ancient trackway. 'Brady' was the name of a medieval yoke ([an] administrative unit [of land]) and also may mean Broad Hedge."  
Has anybody any other thoughts on the origin Brady Road's name?
- Etchinghill - Wendy also reminded me that Etchinghill was previously called Each End Hill. This was the Victorian name for the village. There used to be until fairly recently a foot path pointer sign at Broad Street pointing across the golf course that had Each End Hill on it. In fact earlier names were similar to the current name. For example the Andrews, Dury and Herbert Map of 1769 (see [www.hereshistorykent.org.uk/](http://www.hereshistorykent.org.uk/)) used 'Echinghill'. Judith Glover's (The Place Names of Kent, Meresborough Books, 1982) says that Etchinghill is derived from the Old English Tetting Hilde meaning Tetta's Slope. It was Tettingheld in 1240 and Tetyngheld in 1327. Apparently it is not clear as to when the initial T was lost and the village became Etchinghill. The question is who was Tetta? Somewhere I have seen it suggested that Tetta was a nick name for St Ethelburga but I can't remember where. The 'Guided Tour' booklet for Etchinghill published by Lyminge Historical Society suggests that Tetting means 'babbling' perhaps in relation to the stream that rises in the village. Apparently, much more water flowed through it until the railway tunnel was dug and diverted more water southwards in the Seabrook Stream.
- Teddar's Leas & Teddar's Leas Road - The 'Guided Tour' booklet for Etchinghill published by Lyminge Historical Society indicates that this was named after an Edward who owned some land at the top of the hill. 'Evidently, in the 15<sup>th</sup> century it was known as T'edward's Leas. Judith Glover in The Place Names of Kent proposes the the land was owned by Thomas Tyndour named in a document in 1348 and that he is the origin of the name. She says that Leas comes from the Old English Læs meaning meadow.
- Eastbrook - This is the old name for the area near Age Concern in Station Road and is probably named after the stream discussed above that rises in Etchinghill, crosses the golf course and joins the Nailbourne at Tayne field. It is also called the East Brook
- Magg's Corner - Older residents of the village often call the corner made by Mayfield Road and Station Road Magg's Corner. This is because before World War 2 there was a builder's yard there and the proprietor was Mr Magg.
- Jubilee Field - Alan Boughton has contacted me and told me, among other things, about how the field behind the Village Hall obtained its name. He was on the Parish Council, in the 1970s, when the field was given to the Council so that the Village Hall could be built on it. This was around the time of the Queen's Silver Jubilee and it was therefore decided Jubilee Field would be an appropriate name. Alan also told me that this field was used as a hockey pitch in the 1930s. The team that played there were known as the Green Owls. Does anybody know any more about this team or the history of any other sports teams in the locality? (Q3/9)

Mention of owls leads on nicely to another bird of prey. I have had more reports of buzzard sightings including one of two buzzards being mobbed by a huge flock of jackdaws and crows. Buzzards do seem to have become more common even in the short space of time since I first posed the question. I think it is now time to move on to some new subjects so here are some new questions.

Q20 Has anybody seen any weasels locally and what is the difference between a weasel & a stoat?

Q21 Are there any environmental projects in progress in the locality?

Q22 What is the history of St Mary's Hospital, Etchinghill?

That's all for this month. Can you provide any answers or want to ask any question? If so then please contact me. **Alistair Bailey (email: [abailey447@aol.com](mailto:abailey447@aol.com) tel: 864235)**



# LYMINGE HANDBELLS



The Lyminge Handbell ringers have been busy through the summer at outdoor events and have received bookings for December already. If you have a special festive event where the sound of traditional hand bells will add to your celebration, why not consider handbells? We have a large selection of popular and classical music for the festive sseason. All we need is a large table, room for up to 10 players and a donation of at least £40 for our charity, the Pilgrims Hospice. A contribution to travelling costs is asked for if bookings are at locations more than 5 miles from Lyminge. Weekends and evenings only please and plenty of advance notice.To request a booking please speak to Ro Edmond on 863201.

## Gentle Keep Fit Classes

For those with creaky joints or impaired mobility, who wish to improve their fitness, balance and stamina. Come along and see if this is for you. Your first class is free. We are a friendly crowd and a lycra leotard is definitely not needed!

**Methodist Church Hall, Lyminge on Wednesdays 11.15 am. – 11.45 am.**  
Contact Barbara on 01303 862873 for further information

## Happy Scrappers

Do you get guilty pleasure from spending far too many hours scrapbooking and card-making at home? Would you like to meet with like-minded people in the local village once a week / fortnight for a couple of hours? We could get together and share ideas and crop, scrapbook and create to our hearts content.

I am relatively new to the world of scrapbooking, and have been well and truly bitten by the bug, I would love to hear from other scrappers who would like to share their creations and ideas. We could even share/sell our creations and perhaps start an ATC exchange. Depending on numbers there will be a nominal fee for attending the club to cover the cost of the hall hire. Let me know - I would love to hear from you. Call Debbie 07905 373733.

## FRENCH CONVERSATION

A small group meet in Lyminge on a Wednesday (early evening for one hour) for conversation led by a qualified French Teacher. For more information telephone Trudy on 862066."

### For Sale

Baby Rabbits for sale.  
Pedigree Netherland  
Dwarfs  
Attractive Himalayan  
Markings  
Males and Females –  
good temperaments  
Used to children and dogs  
£20 each  
Julia 01303 862740

### For Sale

Baby equipment for sale  
moses basket and stand,  
baby gym ,Fisher Price  
rocking travel chair[battery  
operated] ,bouncy chair.  
Also maternity and baby  
wear .

Please phone 01303863274.

### At home with Abbeyfield in Lyminge

When I open the front door I have it all; good friends to share a meal with, a room to call my own and the wonderful feeling that this, at last is home and worry free from any maintenance.

A balance of privacy, support and security. Your own front door in your community. Perfect peace of mind, no cooking, bills or repairs.

A friendly and caring environment.  
Dining together with home prepared meals.  
Surrounded by your own furnishings.  
A warm and friendly atmosphere with professional and dedicated on site staff.  
We have vacancies for permanent and short stay for trial periods.

For further information contact Rosemary  
01303 862564

### For Sale

Hammond Organ, model 123J2R  
Serial number 8051390  
2 registers of 37 notes each  
13 note base pedals  
Working well, but now need the space.  
£150 ono.

Please ring 01303 863197 (after 6.00pm) for appointment to view.

## Lyminge Village Hall

At the heart of our busy community the Village Hall offers an excellent venue for up to 200 people and can meet a variety of requirements with its small Committee Room, larger Club Room and the Main Hall with servery and large stage. We have invested heavily during 2008 with a storage extension completed plus new Ladies toilets. With the full stage now available concerts and bands can be accepted. With excellent parking, kitchen facilities and plenty of tables and chairs the Village Hall makes a great place for larger celebrations or charity events. Price example: Friday or Saturday evening £50.00

For full price details and availability just give Jacqui Storey a call on 862044

## LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL HIRE

### Hall

1 June to 30 September £5.50 per hour  
£19 per 4 hour session £35.50 full day  
1 October to 31 May £8 per hour  
£26.50 per 4 hour session £46.50 full day (includes heating)

### Parlour

£5.00 per hour all year with use of Electric over heaters if required

### Overnight stays

1 June to 30 September £33  
1 October to 31 May £44  
(Including heating)

For any enquiries please 'phone 07971 722401

## Lyminge Pre-School



'Partnership with parents and carers is outstanding' Ofsted (Oct 2007).

We are a well established pre-school with committed, enthusiastic and friendly staff passionate about providing excellent childcare. We welcome children from all the surrounding villages and towns, offering a breakfast club together with a range of sessions to suit your needs. Located in the village hall we have a fabulous outdoor play area together with spacious indoor facilities. To register your child and find out more please call 01303 863149/01303 862634. Alternatively visit our website

[www.lymingepreschool.org.uk](http://www.lymingepreschool.org.uk) or email [admin@lymingepreschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@lymingepreschool.org.uk)

## ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL HIRE FEES

### Occasional Users

Standard weekday rates (08h30 to 23h00)  
Hourly rate – up to 4 hours ..... £7.00  
1 Session – 4 continuous hours ..... £21.00  
2 Sessions – 8 continuous hours ..... £42.00  
All-day rate ..... £70.00

Weekend rates (08h30 – 22h00 Sundays) will be £10.00, £30.00, £60.00 and £100.00 respectively

Discounted rates are available for **Etchinghill Residents** who are occasional hirers and for **Regular Users** after 12 months' hiring.

**The Committee Room** costs £6.00 per session for **Regular Hirers**, £6.00 per hour for **Non-Residents** and £5.00 per hour for **Residents**.

All-day hire for **Weddings, Banquets and Commercial Functions**:

**£100.00 for Residents**  
**£200.00 for non-Residents.**

For bookings and enquiries, please contact **Eileen** on **01303 862832**.

## RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL

Are you looking for a hall in which to hold Practice sessions, private party/function or Meeting?

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall has the capacity to take parties of up to 100 and has kitchen facilities at no extra cost.

### Rates:

Sun – Fri £14.00 per session. £34.00 per day  
Sat - £20.00 per session. £27.00 evening session  
£55.00 per full day.

### Session Times:

AM session 8.30am – 12.30pm  
PM session 1.30pm – 5.30pm  
Evening Session 6.00pm – 11.45pm

A £25.00 returnable deposit is payable in advance. Electricity will be charged at 18p per unit. Regular users will be given a special reduced rate.

**For details contact Mick or Dorothy Athow on 01303 862616**

## Sibton Park Cricket Pavilion Club

Having a party? Need a local venue?  
Why not take advantage of Sibton Park Cricket Club's lovely pavilion?

We have a bar with club price drinks & friendly efficient staff.

There is capacity for up to 100 guests. For further information or to make a booking please

**Contact Lesley Kirk, Tel: 01303 862366**